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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Jean-Marc ASCIONE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1713  
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Application No.: 09/809,007 ) Examiner: Robert D. Harlan  
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Filed: March 16, 2001 )  
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For: STABILIZING COMPOSITIONS )  
COMPRISING AT LEAST TWO ANIONIC )  
ASSOCIATIVE POLYMERS, THEIR )  
USE FOR STABILIZATION OF NON- )  
SOLID COMPOSITIONS, AND )  
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING AT )  
LEAST ONE STABILIZING )  
COMPOSITION )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to reply to the Office

Action of October 30, 2003. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
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